



Staff Report

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PROGRAM MATERIALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 FROM THE PORTLAND, OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT G.R.E.A.T. PROGRAM.

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

In 2006, the Belmont Police Department began teaching the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program in the public and private schools in Belmont, as a replacement for the D.A.R.E. program. G.R.E.A.T training in the Western United States is coordinated through the Portland Oregon Police Bureau. To help sponsor a new G.R.E.A.T. program at Belmont Police Department, the Portland Oregon Police Bureau has donated G.R.E.A.T. educational material valued at \$3000.00.

Background

The Belmont Police Department had been involved in a drug prevention and education program through the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. As part of the department's on-going commitment to the youth of the community we have researched and ultimately decided to replace the D.A.R.E. program with the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program.

In the spring of 2006 this change was presented before the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District (i.e. Superintendent of the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District and its respective School Principals). The change was discussed and agreed upon by all of the members of the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District, who were present during the presentation.

The Belmont Police Department began teaching the G.R.E.A.T. program in November of 2006 after many hours of research, planning and preparation.

During the planning and preparation of this program, we had significant contact with the Portland Oregon Police Bureau. The Portland Police Bureau is the agency responsible for the training and support of all G.R.E.A.T. programs in the western region of the United States.

Portland Police Sergeant Gargone advised that his agency was willing and able to sponsor a new G.R.E.A.T. program in the Belmont Police Department, with a donation of educational material under a grant they had received. Their donation of G.R.E.A.T. educational material would be valued at \$3,000.00.

Discussion

Transition from the D.A.R.E. program to the G.R.E.A.T. program requires the acquisition of completely new training and support material, specific to the G.R.E.A.T. program. While the Belmont Police Department currently has a budget for this program, it is based on a continuation of existing efforts, rather than the implementation of a new program. Acceptance of this donation from the Portland Oregon Police Bureau will allow the existing budget to cover additional materials to ensure the successful implementation of the G.R.E.A.T. program.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Public Contact

Posting of City Council agenda.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council direct the Belmont Police Department to accept the donation of G.R.E.A.T. educational material from the Portland Oregon Police Bureau.

Alternatives

1. Provide alternate direction.
2. Take no action.

Attachments

- A. None.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, for several years the Belmont Police Department has been involved in a drug prevention and education program through the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program. As part of the department's on-going commitment to the youth of the community it was decided to replace the D.A.R.E. Program with the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Belmont Police Department began teaching the G.R.E.A.T. Program in November of 2006 after many hours of research, planning and preparation; and,

WHEREAS, G.R.E.A.T training in the western United States is coordinated through the Portland Oregon Police Bureau. To help sponsor a new G.R.E.A.T. Program at Belmont Police Department, the Portland Oregon Police Bureau has donated G.R.E.A.T. educational material valued at \$3000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont directs the Belmont Police Department to accept the donation of G.R.E.A.T. educational material from the Portland Oregon Police Bureau.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on December 12, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont